Dear Greg Wilfinger, 1/18/97

Whether or not I'm the "dean" I'm 85, in impaired health, and I apologize for my typing. It cannot be any better.

Your are correct. I was recommending The Last Hurrah as the source for those two more recent of my books that could get published commercially but by a publisher who not only did nothing to sell them -- he refused to fill ordnrs he got by mail! Why is a mystery. Case Open was really butchered. About a fifth, perhaps a little less, was cut out.

But not a peep from Posner or his publisher or his publisher's lawyers.

I restrict myself to the official evidence and advance no theories as solutions. I also do not agree with those who do what I refused to do because I believe it deceives and mislead the people.

The two other books I recommend as highly as possible are hard to get. One is Sylvia Meagher's magnificent Accessories After the Fact. The other is Howard Roffman's Presumed Guilty. By the time Lane'd Rush to Judgement appeared it was dated and after that he said anything he believed would sell. The others are just about all theories at their best. Some are entirely irrational. There is the possibility that those reading them will retain some of what is not true.

The Last Hurrah has a worthwhile book if you are interested in the Cuba angle that I think has no connection with the assassination by Carlos Lechuga. He was their UN ambassador when the US initiated discusions with them on ending their disagreements. JFK's assassination ended that. ("In the Eye of the Storm.")

Garrison's work was fiction based on literary kleptomania. I trusted him longer than I should have. There is nothing dependable in his very attractive writing. I'm not familiar with Michael Collins.

Thanks and best wishes,

Harold Weisberg